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District 1

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Dear Wupatki Trails Flood Corridor Property Owner,

Elizabeth C. Archuleta District 2

As you are all aware, the Wupatki Trails Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Flood Mitigation project is now complete. I want to personally thank all of you for your support, cooperation and patience prior to and during construction of the project. I'm pleased to report, to date, that all flood flows from the forest have been retained on-forest. I know we are all very happy with this successful performance to date, particularly given the level of rainfall experienced this monsoon season.

Matt Ryan District 3

Mandy Metzger District 4

Lena Fowler District 5 Funded by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Coconino County Flood Control District, the Wupatki Trails EWP project broke ground in early May. This was just days after the Coconino County Flood Control District, in conjunction with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the U.S. Forest Service, approved construction for this \$900,000 project. The project was created to help mitigate flood impacts and provide additional safety for your neighborhood during and after typical monsoon storm events. Designed to accommodate up to a five year, 24-hour storm event, the project integrates sediment reduction measures on U.S. Forest Service land with a new channel to more safely convey floodwater through the neighborhood.

The Wupatki Trails EWP project is the result of three years of analysis, design, engineering, and securing of the necessary funding and drainage easements from area residents. In addition to all of our agency partners, we would like to thank Tiffany Construction for their commitment and hard work on this project.

Most importantly, however, we would like to thank you for your patience and cooperation throughout the three months that it took to complete construction on this project. Long-term flood mitigation has always been a community driven process. As such, it is important to acknowledge that the Wupatki Trails EWP project would not have been possible without the support and interest of the property owners.

It has certainly been a busy spring and summer for flood mitigation in the Schultz Flood area. In addition to the Wupatki Trails EWP project, three other flood mitigation projects – the Upper Campbell Ditch Stabilization, Crisp Hill Crossing and Brandis Way EWP projects – have been completed or are substantially complete.

All of these flood mitigation measures are functioning as designed to help reduce the flooding threat to lives, public infrastructure, utilities and private property, and will hopefully improve property values in the Schultz Flood area. However, it is extremely important to remember that these measures are designed to mitigate,



not eliminate the threat of flooding in your neighborhoods. If the storms of July 2013 (the second wettest July on record) have taught us anything, then it is that no feasible flood mitigation measure or drainage project can mitigate flooding from larger and more severe storm events. Because the threat of flooding will remain a fact of life in the Schultz Flood area, the County (again) strongly encourages residents to purchase or renew flood insurance if they have not already done. Information about the National Flood Insurance Program can be found at www.floodsmart.gov or by calling the National Flood Insurance Program at 1-800-720-1093. Furthermore, the County encourages property owners to retain the concrete barriers until further watershed recovery takes place.

The County recognizes that this construction season has been challenging for everyone. However, I have no doubt that the reduction of flood threats along the Wupatki Trails Flood Corridor will be of lasting benefit to you and your neighborhood. Again, we thank you for your patience; input and cooperation that helped make this flood mitigation project a reality.

If you have any questions about this project, then please call the Flood Hotline at (928) 679-8390, email staff at schultzmitigation@coconino.az.gov or visit the Schultz Flood website at www.coconino.az.gov/schultzfloodinformation.

Sincerely,

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Chairwoman, Coconino County Board of Supervisors

District 2 Supervisor